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PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE

Greetings to all numismatists of the Central States area and particularly those who are members of the leading regional organization in the country. CSNS is still a growing concern, as witness the list of folks who have joined us since the Milwaukee convention. If you have a coin collector friend who is not yet "in" CSNS, do him a favor and invite him to become one of us. He will meet and associate with some of the country's finest numismatists, broaden his knowledge, increase his interest, and become more than just a coin collector or accumulator.

We staged a record breaking convention last spring in Milwaukee. We'll repeat next spring in Detroit. Already the hard-working team headed by Ivan Ebeling is clicking and definite progress can be reported for the 1955 event. So start planning now to be there.

Work is being done by your officers and governors on a set of Rules and Regulations for Exhibits at conventions and on a "Point System" of judging. Consideration is also being given to the question of providing more "awards" for exhibitors.

I'd like to thank the Editor of the SENTINEL and all officers, the board and members for the co-operation each has shown. Particularly, I wish to pay tribute to General Secretary Earl C. Brown for the long hours of labor he is giving to the Society. With the continued support of such men no organization can fail.

-Pres. C. C. Shroyer

THE 1954 MILWAUKEE CONVENTION

The Central States Convention was held in Milwaukee, at the Pfister Hotel, April 30 to May 2 inclusive. As usual, when we meet in Milwaukee for any occasion, most of the guests had a good time. The paid registerations were 506, the guests coming from 28 states and Canada. Fifty dealers had 55 bourse tables. Twenty-six exhibitors used 57 cases and there was some nice material exhibited — the exhibits and bourse were well lighted.

The Numismatic Gallery conducted an auction of fine material and also contributed the four ribbons for the exhibit awards which were as follows: First place, Verne E. DeRemer, The Development and Manufacture of Coinage. Second place, M. Burgett, Encased Postage Stamps. Third Place, Earl C. Brown, Ancient Greek Coins. Fourth place, Walter Boeyer, German Porcelain Money.

The CSNS Plaque for Best in Show went to Col. James W. Curtis for his exhibit of several cases of articles used as money during the past 2,000 or more years, all well documented.

The banquet Saturday evening was "mc'ed" by Lillard Culver. Medal of Merit was presented to Elston G. Bradfield in appreciation of his many contributions to the science of numismatics. The Past President's Medal was presented to Col. James W. Curtis although he was not a "Past" President until the following day.

CSNS BOARD AND CHICAGO COIN CLUB TO MEET AT SAME TIME AND PLACE

The fall interim meeting of the CSNS Board of Governors will convene Sunday, October 31, at 10:00 a.m. in the La Salle Hotel, Chicago, Ill., Pres. C. C. Shroyer announces. Beginning Saturday, Oct. 30, and continuing through Sunday, the Chicago Coin Club will hold its annual banquet and auction in the same hotel. Inquiries and comments overheard at the recent ANA Cleveland Convention indicate a fine out-of-town attendance.

This being a numismatic gathering, emphasis will be on exhibits, so all guests and members are urged to bring along choice material for the display cases. In addition to the usual ribbons, the best exhibits will earn a "hard goods" award, Chicago's Pres. Clyde Grimm says.

The banquet will be typical Chicago style — at \$5.00 per ticket (Chicago prices) and followed by entertainment. Special recognition will be extended to the Chicago club's seven remaining charter members, who were instrumental in the founding of the organization 35 years ago.

A special feature will be the auction. James Kelly has published a catalog in the true Kelly tradition and the first 900 lots will be sold in public auction at this meeting.

Exhibitors may place their displays in cases Friday evening if desired. For insurance purposes, pleae submit a list of your material to Mr. Pokorney or Mr. Salisbury.

The club's General Chairman is Theodore Pokorney, 6122 N. Hamilton Ave., Chicago 45, III.

The schedule is:

Saturday 9:00 a.m. Exhibits and Bourse open, Illinois Room

12:00 noon Auction, Chicago Room

6:00 p.m. Auction, Bourse, Exhibits close for banquet;

re-open after banquet until 11:00 Banquet and Entertainment

6:45 p.m.

11:00 p.m. All close

9:00 a.m. Exhibits and Bourse open Sunday

10:00 a.m. CSNS Board interim meeting

All close 6:00 p.m.

HELP WANTED

If your Membership Number is lower than 312 please inform Secretary Earl C. Brown of the date you joined the Society.

Membership numbers assigned:

I to 312 inclusive Prior to 5/1/43

Year ended 4/30/47 313 to 314 inclusive Year ended 4/30/48 315 to 365 inclusive Year ended 4/30/49 366 to 452 inclusive Year ended 4/30/50 453 to 486 inclusive

Year ended 4/30/51 487 to 504 inclusive

Year ended 4/30/52 505 to 516 inclusive

Year ended 4/30/53 517 to 548 inclusive

Year ended 4/30/54 549 to 675 inclusive

Current year to 9/8/54 676 to 720 inclusive

1954-1955 DUES ARE DUE

Dues are due From quite a few We know who And so do you.

FROM THE SECRETARY

As we go to press we have 324 members — and would like to have more. Most of you have application blanks. Please try to get a new member. Elsewhere attention is called to the fact that the Society operates on a FISCAL YEAR running from May I of one year through April 30 of the next year — thus, if your membership card reads 1953-54 it means that you are paid only to April 30, 1954.

OUR 1955 CONVENTION WILL BE HELD IN DETROIT, MICH.

The Detroit Coin Club will be host to the CSNS 1955 Convention and arrangements have been made for this convention to meet in the Statler Hotel. It is too early to present a "program" but we hope all who attended the Chicago and the Milwaukee Conventions in 1953 and 1954 will attend the 1955 Convention in Detroit. The dates: April 29, 30 and May 1st, 1955.

SENTINEL EDITOR BECOMES EDITOR OF THE NUMISMATIST

Elston G. Bradfield, Editor of The SENTINEL, has been appointed Editor of The Numismatist by the American Numismatic Association's Executive Board. He suceeds Stuart Mosher, who has retired because of poor health and now becomes Editor Emeritus.

BIRTH OF A BLUE RIBBON WINNER

(Do you recall the blue ribbon exhibit winner at last Spring's Milwaukee Convention? Your Editor was curious as to just how it was conceived and developed, and is pleased to give you the story as told by Verne E. DeRemer, Waukesha, Wis., the man who made the display.)

When I started collecting coins some years ago and became conscious of mint marks I also became curious about the mints, especially the old mints that played such an important historical part in our early coinage. I have read a great deal about U.S. coins and the many famous collections that have been assembled, the rarity of the various mint marks, etc., but found very little information on the mints themselves, such as pictures of the original buildings, what became of them, whether they are still in use, etc.

I asked Hubert L. Polzer, Milwaukee, whether information on the mints would be of sufficient interest to warrant a display and also whether the subject had been covered at any of the conventions he had attended. His answers indicated that it would be of interest and had not been covered. With this encouragement I wrote the Photographic Service of the A.N.S. in New York for pictures of the original mint buildings, which they supplied, with the exception of the 1854 San Francisco building. This picture I obtained through the courtesy of Roy Hill of San Francisco.

In reading through various encyclopedias and historical reference books in both Waukesha and Milwaukee public libraries, I was amazed at how little information was available. However, by combining data from a variety of sources I was able to get some history on each mint which I had typed and then photographed and enlarged to show white on black that would be easily readable, if anyone cared to read it. It is superfluous to say I was very happy that this modest display drew the attention of the judges at the CSNS Convention. At this time I wish to acknowledge the assistance and advice given by Mr. Polzer who helped me greatly.

-Verne E. DeRemer

FINAL NOTICE

Art. II, Sec. 5 of our By-Laws read as follows: "Dues shall be payable in advance and any member who does not pay his dues for the current year within two months after the Annual Meeting shall automatically lose his memberhip."

The Society year ends April 30th. Those members who joined in late 1953 or early 1954 probably hold cards reading 1953-54 which means for the Society Year beginning May I, 1953 and ending April 30, 1954. Such members have been sent two notices for the current year's dues and unless such dues are paid within 15 days from date of mailing of this issue of the Sentinel, they will be dropped from the membership roll. Please do not lose your membership in CSNS by failing to send \$1.00 promptly to the Secretary.

THE EDITOR THANKS ----

Earl C. Brown, Don F. Lacey, C. C. Shroyer, I. C. Ebeling, Clyde Grimm, and Lee Hewitt, without whose help this issue would not have been possible.



WELCOME TO DETROIT

From April 29th through May 1st of next year, with Detroit acting as convention host to the Central Sates Numismatic Society, the Motor City will be the hub or center of numismatic activity in the Central States area. The Statler Hotel, located in the heart of downtown Detroit, will serve as convention headquarters. The Display and Bourse Rooms will be on the mezzanine floor of the hotel.

The Detroit Coin Club as the sponsoring club, cordially invites all collectors to attend, and assures them that every effort will be made

to make it a memorable and enjoyable week-end.

-Ivan C. Ebeling, President Detroit Coin Club

CSNS 1955 CONVENTION CHAIRMEN

Anyone desiring information regarding convention activities is requested to contact the appropriate chairman. A list follows:

General Chairman: Ivan C. Ebeling, 30400 Drake Rd., Farmington, Mich.

Display Space Assignments: Benjamin F. Smith, 1544 Broadway,

Detroit (26), Mich.

Bourse Space Assignments: James J. Curto, 770 Lincoln Rd.,

Grosse Pointe (30), Mich.

Entertainment and Convention Program: Paul F. Schilling, 16554 Trinity, Detroit (19), Mich.

Registration: James E. Jolly, 15373 Parkside, Detroit (38), Mich. Publicity: Don Lacey, 14869 Holmur Ave., Detroit (38), Mich.

BITS ABOUT THEM -

CSNS President C. C. Shroyer, of Fremont, Ohio, is a member of the Detroit Coin Club.

Russell W. Stehfast, of the Detroit Coin Club, is a past president of CSNS.

Harold L. Bowen and Ivan C. Ebeling, members of the Detroit Coin Club, are CSNS board members.

DID YOU KNOW ----

There are three cities or towns within the Central States area named Detroit? Besides Detroit, Michigan, there are also Detroit, Illinois, and Detroit, Kansas.

ADDITIONS AND CHANGES IN MEMBERSHIP LIST

New Members since the list published in the 1954 Convention Journal went to press:

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Artie Shaffer, 368 S. Schuyler St., Bradley, Ill. John E. Thompson, P.O. Box No. 2023, Chicago, Ill. 668.

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Clarence D. Harper, Sunbury, Ohio Arlie Slabaugh, 1106 Highland Avenue, Park Ridge, Ill. 670.

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Bob Boltz, 148 East Avenue, West Bend, Wis. Carl B. Groth, 159 North Main Street, West Bend, Wis. 672.

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D. W. Karp, 300 West Main Street, Louisville, Ky. Samuel M. Upton, 16 West Colfax Street, Logansport, Ind. Fred Hoernemann, 5447 Walton, Chicago 51, Ill. 674.

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- 676. C. R. Ahroon, Jr., M.D., 1511 East Grove Street, Bloomington, Ill.
- 677. Arthur H. Baum, 617—8th Avenue North, South St. Paul, Minn.

678. Leon Dryfoos, 7 East 7th, Erie, Pa.

- 679. Raymond K. Harris, 2102 Proctor Street, Flint 4, Mich.
- 680. G. W. Heidrick, 557 North Washington, Hinsdale, Ill.
- 681. Stephen Hrinya, 1208 West State St., Milwaukee 3, Wis.
- 682. M. A. McClure, 4639—18th Avenue South, Minneapolis, Minn.
- 683. Rudolph John Mudroch, 2509 North 47th St., Milwaukee, Wis.
- 684. Matt Rothert, P.O. Box 5861, Camden, Arkansas

685. Ernest C. Schatz, Wykoff, Minn.

- 686. H. S. Sherwin, P.O. Box 72, Black River Falls, Wis.
- 687. Stanley W. Wapruszewski, 1968 5th St., Milwaukee 4, Wis.
- 688. Maxvill G. Winters, 774 Wells, St. Paul 6, Minn.
- 689. Ivan C. Ebeling, 18721 John R. Street, Detroit 2, Mich.
- 690. A. M. Clark, M.D., 2880 South Monroe, Dearborn, Mich.
- 691. Robert C. Clauser, 12725 Lauder Avenue, Detroit 27, Mich.
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- 693. Frank Eggert, 11862 Grand River, Detroit 4, Mich.
- 694. Kenneth A. Fulton, 407 Manor, Grosse Pointe Farms 36, Mich.
- 695. James E. Jolly, 15373 Parkside, Detroit 38, Mich.
- 696. John R. Kirk, 11166 Elmdale, Detroit, Mich.
- 697. Dane W. MacShara, 16615 Pierson, Detroit 19, Mich.
- 698. Anthony J. Morawski, 4430 Meldrum, Detroit 7, Mich.
- 699. Robert B. Morrell, 9666 Nardin, Detroit 4, Mich.
- 700. Paul F. Schilling, 16554 Trinity, Detroit 19, Mich.
- 701. Fred J. Trumpy, 14216 Winthrop, Detroit 27, Mich.
- 702. Montrose S. Flanders, 13560 Washburn Ave., Detroit 38, Mich.
- 703. William E. Ely, 500 Temple, Detroit I, Mich.
- 704. Frank M. Howe, 1951 Louise, Detroit 3, Mich.
- 705. A. W. Josik, 5051 Van Dyke, Detroit 13, Mich.
- 706. Joseph E. Korepta, 18869 Keystone, Detroit 34, Mich.
- 707. Harry N. Leonard, 665 W. Milwaukee Ave., Detroit 2, Mich.
- 708. Alvena F. Orman, 13203 Lincoln, Highland Park 3, Mich.
- 709. James Quello, 954 Berkshire, Grosse Pointe, Mich. 710. Earl C. Schill, 121 John R. Street, Detroit 26, Mich.
- 711. Robert C. Willey, 2372 Windermere Road, Windsor, Ontario, Canada
- 712. Jack C. Denyer, 11423 Hubbell Avenue, Detroit 27, Mich.
- 713. Alvan W. Hickerson, Jr., 1141 East Broadway, Louisville 4, Ky.
- 714. Richard A. Steele, 410 South Weadock St., Saginaw, Mich.
- 715. R. Evelyn Holmes, 42 Tennyson, Highland Park 3, Mich.
- 716. Henri Thibodeau, 1757 Venice, Dearborn, Mich.
- 717. Roy Hill, 1140 Sutter Street, San Francisco 9, Calif.
- 718. John W. Gregor, 15221 St. Claire Avenue, Cleveland 10, Ohio
- 719. Carl A. Dellmuth, 517 Baxter Avenue, Louisville 4, Ky.
- 720. Dr. Charles A. Hoffman, 302 East 77th St., Plainfield, N.J.

Old Members who have become Life Members since the 1954 Convention.

- LM-52. Lu Riggs (23), 525 Walnut Street, Cincinnati, Ohio
- LM-53. Arthur B. Kelley (2), 4314 Olive Street, St. Louis 8, Mo.
- LM-54. William Hoppe (537), 3237 North Racine Ave., Chicago 13, Ill.
- LM-55. Don F. Lacey (508), 14869 Holmur Ave., Detroit 21, Mich.

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